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"AT THE MERCY OF RAMA-TUT" THE PHAROAH FROM THE FUTURE!
I NEVER THOUGHT IT COULD HAPPEN! RAMA-TUT'S RAY GUN HAS MADE HELPLESS SLAVES OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR!
THERE, SUSAN STORM! THERE IS WHAT HAPPENS TO THOSE WHO DEFY ME--NO MATTER WHAT POWERS THEY POSSESS!

MY SECRET NEW DYNAFLEX METHOD

CAN BUILD YOU A MAGNIFICENT NEW HE-MAN-MUSCLED BODY IN JUST TEN MINUTES A DAY—with absolutely NO weights—NO bar-bells—NO EXERCISE AT ALL!

Yes! If the girls LAUGH at you now when you take off your shirt—they'll be breaking down the doors to get dates with you—once they've seen the rugged DYNAFLEX BODY I can give you! I'll build you a tough strong massive body—shoulders clad with solid inches of he-man BRAWN. I'll give you bulging biceps, trip-hammer fists, power-packed legs, and a chest that will have you popping the buttons off your shirt with pride! (—says MIKE MARVEL, "Builder of Champion Bodies")

"In my classes this same course of instruction would cost $110.00."

ARE YOU WEAK, ALWAYS TIRED, LACK PEP?

Whether you're thin and scrawny, or sagging with unsightly fat—my secret DYNAFLEX method will cram pep, vigor and red-blooded vitality into your puny, unmuscled body. Once DYNAFLEX makes you a two-fisted dynamo of manly beauty, rippling with power, glowing with magnetic sex-appeal—you'll be bursting with get-up-and-go. Men, you'll be really ALIVE—tingling with zest and rip-roaring energy—for the first time in years!

PROOF!

"I tried two other systems, before my buddy told me about DYNAFLEX. It *really* works—and how! I've put two inches of solid muscle on my biceps, three inches on my chest. It's like magic!"
L. C., New York City

"I never thought you could build terrific muscles without exercise or weights. Started DYNAFLEX two weeks ago, and am building a *real* physique!"
E. G., Detroit, Mich.

"DYNAFLEX is the best yet. Only three weeks, and I have more dates than I can handle! I am telling all my pals about DYNAFLEX."
F. S., Chicago, Ill.

ARE YOU ASHAMED OF YOUR BODY NOW?

Pal—do YOURSELF a favor! Take a good long look in a mirror. Do you see a puny, starved body—scrawny arms—bony shoulders—a flabby stomach and skinny legs? Do girls laugh and fellows grin when you take off your shirt?

BELIEVE IT OR NOT—I can add solid pounds of rippling, steely he-man MEAT to your build. I can take those skeleton arms and PACK EVERY INCH with explosive virile MAN-MUSCLE. I can take that caved-in chest and build on six rugged inches of strong sleek MAN-SIZED BRAWN. I can clothe your skinny frame with GIANT RIPPLING DYNAFLEX MUSCLES that will have the girls gasping with awe and admiration! And with NO tiring exercise, NO high-priced bar-bells or gym equipment!

Or is your problem a body sagging with soft rolls of unhealthy, unhandsome FAT? Puny muscles — sagging stomach — bloated face — arms heavy with layers of BLUBBER? Are you ASHAMED to go to the beach and let them see your "FAT-MAN PHYSIQUE"?

If so, wake up fella! THIS IS IT! I will peel off that fat and give you a lean virile DYNAFLEX BODY, armored with a sheath of hard tough handsome muscle. I can build you into a healthy, streamlined HERCULES—bursting with dynamic manly strength. I'll give you a taut rock-hard midsection—legs muscled like coiled steel springs. I can pack solid DYNAMITE into your fists and give you a rugged handsome build brim-full of the magnetic Super-Body Appeal which girls admire. And with NO starvation diets NO fatiguing calisthenics—NO expensive health-foods!

HOW DYNAFLEX BUILDS BEAUTIFUL BODIES

DYNAFLEX is the modern miracle of body-building. It takes no tiresome exercises, "crash" diets, protein foods, and no weights or bar-bells. DYNAFLEX is the amazing discovery of a West German Doctor whose research into the Science of Strength found a thrilling new way to build GIANT BRAWNY MUSCLES in ten minutes a day. With DYNAFLEX you "flex" each muscle once—in a certain way—that is more effective than if you exercised that muscle 20, 30, even 100 times the old-fashioned way. With DYNAFLEX you get bigger results in ten minutes than after hours of grunting and groaning, hefting heavy weights. DYNAFLEX coaxes each muscle in your body to bring out its round, steely fullness and satiny symmetry. DYNAFLEX packs that muscle with glowing vibrant new strength and energy—FAST. In ten minutes a day I can cover your bony frame with healthy rippling muscle—give you a deep, powerful chest — solid shoulders and iron wrists—tough, slim midsection—and trim, steel-spring legs — simply thru "DYNA-FLEXING" each muscle once a day!

There's nothing wrong with the bar-bell and weight-lifting method . . . but why bother? Why waste time and money, why sweat and strain your way to a streamlined symmetrical SAMSON-STRONG BODY—when you can do it better—bigger—faster—easier with the DYNAFLEX SECRET?

STRONG-MAN APPEAL ATTRACTS GIRLS

Be honest. Down deep you KNOW you envy the boy with the virile, magnificent build. Every man and boy secretly desires a broad brawny back, a solid man-muscled chest, handsome he-man shoulders, arms rippling with tough, steely sinews, a narrow waist, slim hips and springy, power-packed legs. Girls go for a fellow with TWO-FISTED BIG MUSCLE SEX-APPEAL . . . and they only laugh at skinny guys or "fatso's".

Let me give you a glowing new body, brimming over with energy and irresistible inches of solid muscle on your chest—he-man appeal. I can build three inches of beef and brawn on your shoulders. I will mold you a handsome super-body of terrific strength, give you a crushing grip, legs crammed with steel springs. A lean taut rock-solid punch-proof midsection. Pack your body with energy and thrilling stamina that will have girls falling at your feet.

GIVE ME TEN MINUTES A DAY —THAT'S ALL!

After DYNAFLEX, you'll be able to roll up your sleeves and take off your shirt and, for the first time in your life, you'll be PROUD of your manly build. Yes, sir, say goodbye to your weak, flabby frame—get ready for adventure and romance with a solid physique that glows and vibrates with virile he-man appeal. You'll be really proud to have people see your MAGNIFICENT HE-MAN-MUSCLES at the beach or gym. And, when the girls crowd around to admire your iron biceps and your bulging brawny chest—when they ask in amazement how you did it—tell them about the easy secret of DYNAFLEX!

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The Fabulous FANTASTIC FOUR Find Themselves
"PRISONERS OF THE PHAROAH!"
WEAPONLESS! DEFENSELESS! TRAPPED IN THE LONG-DEAD MYSTERIOUS PAST, WITH ONLY THEIR OWN UNIQUE POWERS TO HELP THEM, THE FANTASTIC FOUR FACE THE MOST TOTALLY UNEXPECTED MENACE OF THEIR CAREER! SURPRISE FOLLOWS SURPRISE UNTIL YOU REACH THE MIND-STAGGERING CLIMAX WHICH AWAITS YOU WITHIN...
THOUGH YOU COME FROM THE DISTANT FUTURE, I KNOW ALL ABOUT YOU! AND I ALSO KNOW THAT ALL YOUR SUPER-POWERS ARE NO MATCH FOR MINE!
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YOU ARE LOOKING AT ONE OF THE MOST IMPRESSIVE SIGHTS IN THE WORLD ... THE SKYSCRAPERS OF NEW YORK, WITH THE SILENTLY SPEEDING FANTASTI-CAR GLIDING ABOVE THE TOWERING SPIRES!
STRANGE THAT THE THING DIDN'T RESPOND TO OUR SIGNAL FLARE! I WONDER WHERE HE CAN BE?
LET'S TRY ALICIA'S BUILDING... HE MIGHT BE VISITING HER!
WOULDN'T IT BE SOMETHIN' IF THEY ELOPED?
LIKE A GREAT GHOSTLY WILL-O-THE-WISP, THE MIGHTY MACHINE HOVERS MOMENTARILY OVER THE ROOF-TOP OF A NEIGHBORHOOD BUILDING, AND THEN, SMOOTHLY, EFFORTLESSLY, IT DESCENDS...
THIS IS THE PLACE! PERHAPS ALICIA KNOWS WHERE HE IS!
THE APARTMENT'S EMPTY! WE'LL HAVE TO LOOK SOMEWHERE ELSE!
ISN'T THAT JUST LIKE A MAN? NEVER AROUND WHEN YOU WANT HIM!
SAME GOES FOR FEMALES, SIS! I'LL FLAME ON AND FLY OVER THE NEIGHBORHOOD! MAYBE THEY'RE OUT WALKING!
I WAS RIGHT! THERE THEY ARE NOW!
IT'S FUNNY! WHEN YOU SEE 'EM BOTH TOGETHER LIKE THAT, YOU KINDA FORGET THAT HE'S THE THING, AND THAT POOR ALICIA IS BLIND! TO ME, THEY LOOK LIKE ALMOST ANY LOVESICK COUPLE!
I THINK I'LL TRY ONE OF THESE NEW CORONAS THAT SOME OF MY FANS SENT ME! YOU DON'T MIND, DO YA, BABY?
OF COURSE NOT, BEN, DEAR! BUT I HOPE THEY DIDN'T COME FROM THE YANCY STREET GANG! THEY'RE LIABLE TO BLOW UP IN YOUR FACE!
NAH! THOSE CREEPS WOULDN'T DARE TRY ANYTHING LIKE THAT ON ME!
AW, WHAT DID YOU HAVETA MENTION THEM FOR? I WAS JUST BEGINNIN' TO ENJOY MYSELF AND...
HEY! WHAT'S GOIN' ON?!!
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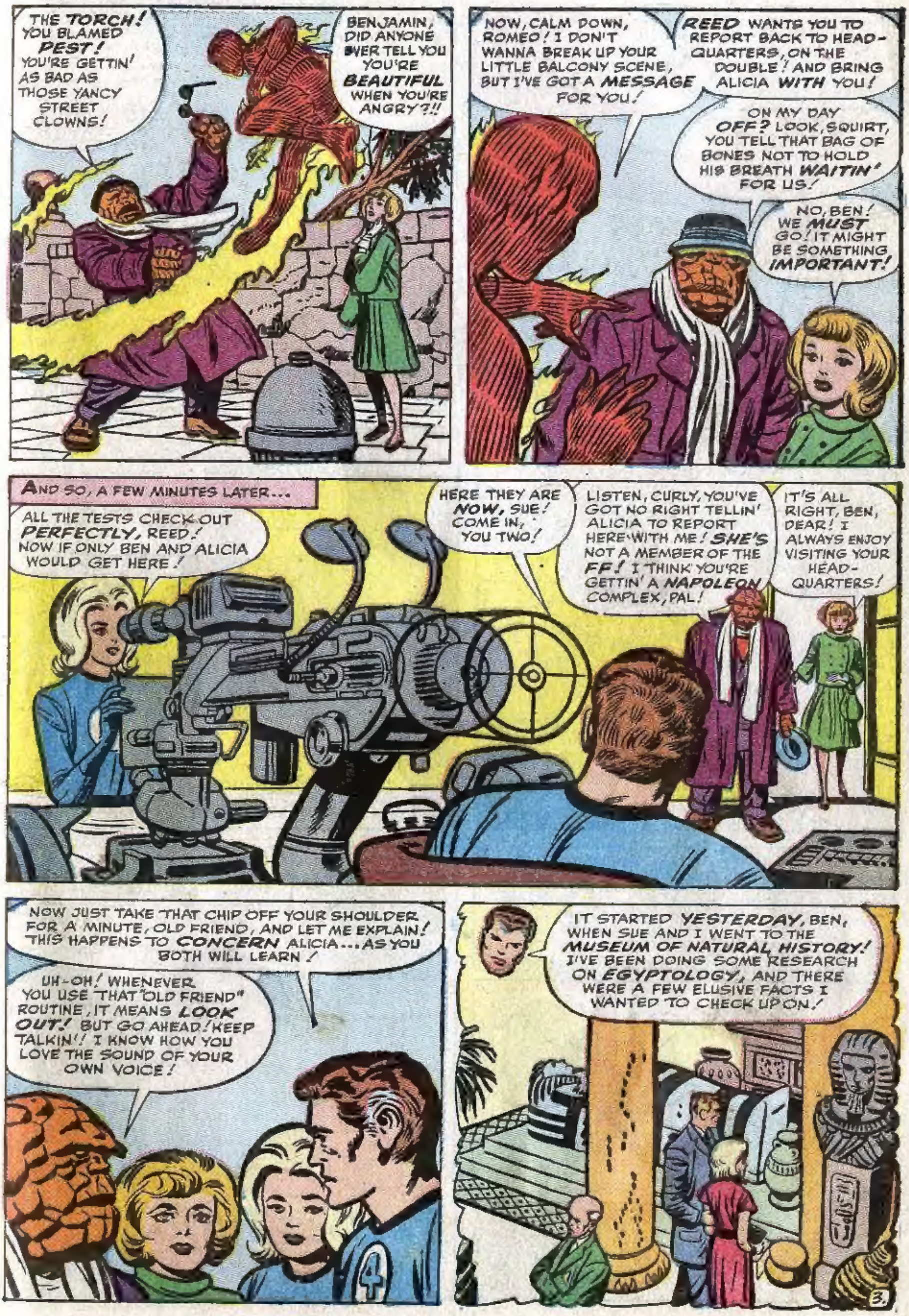
THE TORCH! YOU BLAMED PEST! YOU'RE GETTIN' AS BAD AS THOSE YANCY STREET CLOWNS!
BENJAMIN, DID ANYONE EVER TELL YOU YOU'RE BEAUTIFUL WHEN YOU'RE ANGRY?!!
NOW, CALM DOWN, ROMEO! I DON'T WANNA BREAK UP YOUR LITTLE BALCONY SCENE, BUT I'VE GOT A MESSAGE FOR YOU!
REED WANTS YOU TO REPORT BACK TO HEAD-QUARTERS, ON THE DOUBLE! AND BRING ALICIA WITH YOU!
ON MY DAY OFF? LOOK, SQUIRT, YOU TELL THAT BAG OF BONES NOT TO HOLD HIS BREATH WAITIN' FOR US!
NO, BEN! WE MUST GO! IT MIGHT BE SOMETHING IMPORTANT!
AND SO, A FEW MINUTES LATER...
ALL THE TESTS CHECK OUT PERFECTLY, REED! NOW IF ONLY BEN AND ALICIA WOULD GET HERE!
HERE THEY ARE NOW, SUE! COME IN, YOU TWO!
LISTEN, CURLY, YOU'VE GOT NO RIGHT TELLIN' ALICIA TO REPORT HERE WITH ME! SHE'S NOT A MEMBER OF THE FF! I THINK YOU'RE GETTIN' A NAPOLEON COMPLEX, PAL!
IT'S ALL RIGHT, BEN, DEAR! I ALWAYS ENJOY VISITING YOUR HEAD-QUARTERS!
NOW JUST TAKE THAT CHIP OFF YOUR SHOULDER FOR A MINUTE, OLD FRIEND, AND LET ME EXPLAIN! THIS HAPPENS TO CONCERN ALICIA... AS YOU BOTH WILL LEARN!
UH-OH! WHENEVER YOU USE THAT "OLD FRIEND" ROUTINE, IT MEANS LOOK OUT! BUT GO AHEAD! KEEP TALKIN'! I KNOW HOW YOU LOVE THE SOUND OF YOUR OWN VOICE!
IT STARTED YESTERDAY, BEN, WHEN SUE AND I WENT TO THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY! I'VE BEEN DOING SOME RESEARCH ON EGYPTOLOGY, AND THERE WERE A FEW ELUSIVE FACTS I WANTED TO CHECK UP ON!
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IT'S STRANGE, SUE! THERE ARE A FEW YEARS OF ANCIENT EGYPTIAN HISTORY WHICH ARE COMPLETELY UNACCOUNTED FOR BY HISTORIANS! AS THOUGH THOSE YEARS JUST DIDN'T EXIST! I WONDER IF ...
HMMM! LOOK AT THIS!
"AND THEN I SAW IT! ALMOST HIDDEN AMONG THE COUNTLESS HIEROGLYPHICS ON DISPLAY... THE ONE LITTLE DETAIL WHICH MADE ME DECIDE TO CALL YOU AND ALICIA IMMEDIATELY!"
THE SIGNS ARE UNMISTAKEABLE, SUE! IT SHOWS A BLIND PHAROAH ... A VIAL CONTAINING A RADIOACTIVE HERB... AND THEN, THE SAME PHAROAH, ABLE TO SEE AGAIN!
IT CAN MEAN ONLY ONE THING... AT A CERTAIN PERIOD IN EGYPTIAN HISTORY, ONE PHAROAH HAD FOUND A CURE FOR BLINDNESS! AND IT TOOK PLACE DURING THOSE STRANGELY MISSING YEARS!
IF YOU'RE SAYIN' WHAT I THINK YOU'RE SAYIN', REED, THEN THERE'S A CHANCE FOR ALICIA!
I HATE TO BUILD UP FALSE HOPES, BEN... AND YET...
BUT, WAIT A MINUTE! THIS IS NUTTY! HOW COULD THERE BE ANY RADIO-ACTIVE HERBS CENTURIES AGO? THERE WASN'T ANY ATOMIC ENERGY IN THOSE DAYS! ANYWAY, HOW CAN WE GET BACK INTO THE PAST ?? IT AIN'T EXACTLY LIKE TAKING A SUBWAY OR A BUS!!
I CAN'T ANSWER THE FIRST QUESTION, BEN... BUT I THINK I CAN ANSWER THE SECOND!
REMEMBER OUR FIRST ENCOUNTER WITH DOCTOR DOOM* MORE THAN A YEAR AGO?
AT THE CONCLUSION OF THAT ADVENTURE, DOOM'S CASTLE WAS ABANDONED BY HIM, BUT THERE IS STILL A CHANCE THAT THE MACHINE HE USED TO SEND US INTO THE PAST MAY STILL BE OPERATIONAL!
UR GALLERY OF SUPER-VILLAINS
DOCTOR DOOM
* F.F. #5 JULY...
REED, YOU OL' DICTIONARY-READIN', DOUBLE-TALKIN', RUBBER-BONED EGGHEAD! WHAT ARE WE STANDIN' AROUND JAWIN' FOR!! LET'S GO!!
BEN, YOU HOT-TEMPERED, LOUD-MOUTHED, BEETLE-BRAINED GARGOYLE... THAT'S WHAT I WAS WAITING FOR YOU TO SAY!!
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A SHORT TIME LATER, THE FABULOUS FOURSOME'S FAMOUS V.T.O.L. POGO PLANE* REACHES THE ALMOST INACCESSIBLE SITE OF THEIR ARCH-FOE'S NOW-DESERTED CASTLE!
THERE'S DOOM'S CASTLE NOW... STRAIGHT AHEAD!
LET'S HOPE THAT TIME MACHINE OF HIS ISN'T COMPLETELY WRECKED!
*V.T.O.L.-VERTICAL TAKE-OFF AND LANDING.
I'LL FLY OVER THE WALL AND LOWER THE DRAWBRIDGE FOR YOU THREE LANDLUBBERS!
EVERYTHING SEEMS TO BE ALMOST AS DOOM LEFT IT!
YEAH, EXCEPT THAT OL' IRON-HEAD AIN'T AROUND!
THEN, AS THE MIGHTY DRAWBRIDGE CREAKS DOWN...
HI, KIDS! IF I KNEW YOU WERE COMING, I'D HAVE BAKED A CAKE!
HEY, WE'RE IN LUCK! HERE'S THE PANEL WE STOOD ON WHEN WE TOOK OUR LITTLE TRIP! LOOKS AS GOOD AS NEW!
LUCKY FOR US THAT DOCTOR DOOM MADE ALMOST EVERYTHING FIRE-PROOF TO PROTECT HIM-SELF AGAINST YOU, JOHNNY!
THE CONTROLS WHICH HE WORKED WHILE SITTING IN HIS SPECIALLY-BUILT CHAIR ALL SEEM TO BE INTACT!
ALICIA, BABY, YOU'LL HAVE TO STAY BEHIND AND OPERATE THIS GIZMO, TO GET US THERE AND BACK! 'THINK YOU CAN HANDLE IT?
I'VE GOT TO, BEN! IF YOU EXPLAIN IT CAREFULLY, I'LL TRY TO DO IT BY TOUCH!
BUT, BEN... MY DARLING... IF THERE WILL BE ANY DANGER TO YOU... TO ANY OF YOU... THEN IT ISN'T WORTH IT! I COULDN'T BEAR IT IF...
FORGET IT, KID! DANGER IS OUR BUSINESS, LIKE THEY SAY IN THE MOVIES!
AND THEN, AFTER HOURS OF PRACTICE...
GOOD LUCK, YOU DEAR, WONDER-FUL FRIENDS...
REMEMBER, ALICIA... WORK THOSE BUTTONS IN EXACTLY THE PATTERN WE SHOWED YOU! IF ALL GOES WELL, WE'LL RETURN IN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS!
FAREWELL, YOU BRAVE, NOBLE, UNSELFISH ADVENTURERS! FARE-WELL, BEN... MY OWN DARLING LOVE...
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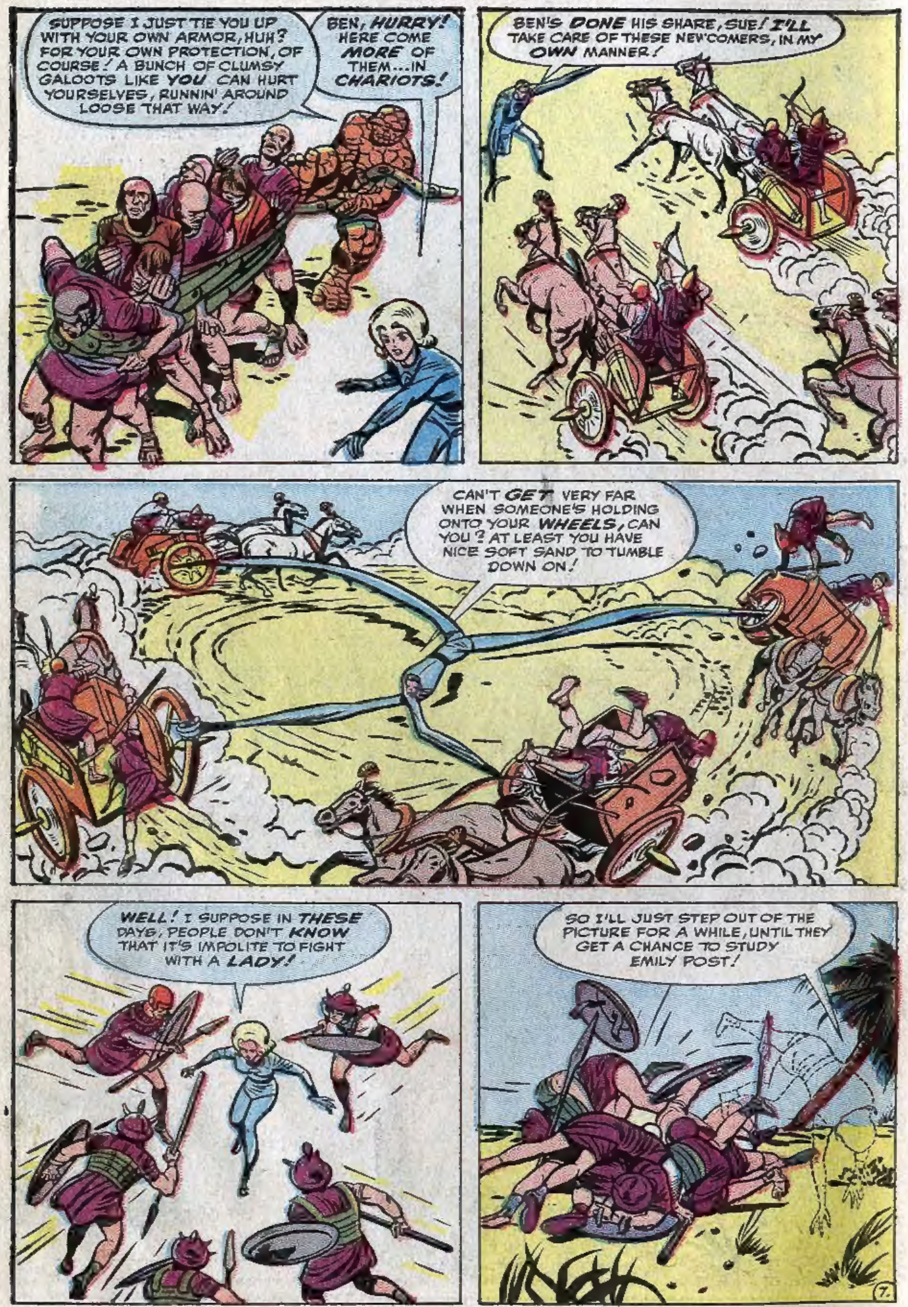
SUPPOSE I JUST TIE YOU UP WITH YOUR OWN ARMOR, HUH? FOR YOUR OWN PROTECTION, OF COURSE! A BUNCH OF CLUMSY GALOOTS LIKE YOU CAN HURT YOURSELVES, RUNNIN' AROUND LOOSE THAT WAY!
BEN, HURRY! HERE COME MORE OF THEM...IN CHARIOTS!
BEN'S DONE HIS SHARE, SUE! I'LL TAKE CARE OF THESE NEWCOMERS, IN MY OWN MANNER!
CAN'T GET VERY FAR WHEN SOMEONE'S HOLDING ONTO YOUR WHEELS, CAN YOU? AT LEAST YOU HAVE NICE SOFT SAND TO TUMBLE DOWN ON!
WELL! I SUPPOSE IN THESE DAYS, PEOPLE DON'T KNOW THAT IT'S IMPOLITE TO FIGHT WITH A LADY!
SO I'LL JUST STEP OUT OF THE PICTURE FOR A WHILE, UNTIL THEY GET A CHANCE TO STUDY EMILY POST!
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HAH! LOOK AT 'EM RUN! GUESS WE MA E THINGS TOO HOT FOR 'EM, ALL RIGHT!
BUT, THE TORCH'S EXULTATION IS SHORT-LIVED, FOR, THE NEXT INSTANT...
FLAMIN' FIRE-BALLS!! WHAT HAPPENED?
SOME SORT OF SUDDEN AIR VACUUM IS DOUSING MY FLAME!
AND, AT THAT MOMENT...
STILL WANNA FIGHT, HUH? OKAY, THEN. YOU CAN CHEW ON THIS FOR A WHILE!
HEY! WHAT'S GOIN' ON?!
ALL OF A SUDDEN I'M GETTIN' WEAK! MY-MY STRENGTH IS DRAINING AWAY! WHA... WHAT GIVES?!
SOMETHING'S HAPPENED TO THE TORCH... AND THE THING!
BUT HOW?? WHY? IT'S AS IF BOTH HAVE SUDDENLY LOST THEIR POWERS!
NOW IT'S HAPPENING TO ME, TOO!
I'M LOSING MY RESILIENCY!! CAN'T STRETCH ANY MORE!!
SUE! BE CAREFUL! SOMETHING'S TERRIBLY WRONG HERE! STAY INVISIBLE ...DON'T TAKE CHANCES...!!
REED! I-I NEVER SAW YOU LIKE THIS! AND JOHNNY, AND BEN... IT'S AS THOUGH YOU'VE ALL BEEN DEFEATED... BY SOME UNSEEN FORCE!!
OH! NOW IT'S AFFECTING ME! I CAN FEEL IT!
I'M BECOMING VISIBLE! CAN'T HELP MYSELF!!
I FEEL SO ..WEAK! LIKE THE OTHERS! HEAR THE WARRIORS COMING...CAN'T DEFEND OURSELVES....IT'S MAD! IMPOSSIBLE! AND YET...WE'RE BEATEN!!
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BUT THE FABULOUS FOURSOME HAVE STILL MORE STAGGERING SURPRISES IN STORE! FOR, WHEN THEY REGAIN CONSCIOUSNESS AGAIN, THEY FIND...
WHA... WHAT HAPPENED TO US?? WHERE ARE WE?
WE'VE BEEN BROUGHT TO A THRONE ROOM! WE'RE PRISONERS OF...THE PHAROAH!
ON YOUR FEET, CAPTIVES! YOU ARE IN THE PRESENCE OF THE AWESOME RAMA-TUT, KING OF KINGS, MASTER OF MEN, LORD OF THE SEVEN SUNS!
NOW THAT YOU KNOW WHO I AM THERE IS NO NEED TO INTRODUCE YOURSELVES... FOR I AM QUITE FAMILIAR WITH THE FANTASTIC FOUR!
YOU KNOW US?!
AHH! I THOUGHT THAT REMARK WOULD STARTLE YOU!
REED, SOMETHING IS WRONG! HOW CAN HE KNOW ABOUT US... A THOUSAND YEARS BEFORE WE WERE BORN?
AND HE'S TALKING ENGLISH!! BEFORE THE LANGUAGE WAS EVEN INVENTED! THIS IS NUTTY!
CAN WE HAVE LANDED IN THE WRONG YEAR?? CAN THIS BE ... THE FUTURE??
NO! IT IS THE PAST! THE SECRET LIES WITH RAMA-TUT HIMSELF!
YOUR MIND IS INDEED AS SHARP AS THE ANCIENT LEGENDS CLAIMED! YES, THIS IS THE PAST!
BUT I AM NOT A PART OF IT! AS YOU HAVE OBVIOUSLY GUESSED, NO ANCIENT PHAROAH FROM PRIMITIVE TIMES COULD HAVE THE POWER TO SUBDUE THE FANTASTIC FOUR!
THEN, THERE IS ONLY ONE POSSIBLE ANSWER, INCREDIBLE THOUGH IT MAY BE...
OF COURSE! THIS IS THE WEAPON WHICH SAPPED YOUR POWERS; WHICH MADE YOU MY CAPTIVES!
THIS ULTRA-DIODE RAY, INVENTED IN THE YEAR 3,000... ONE THOUSAND YEARS FURTHER IN THE FUTURE THAN YOUR OWN CENTURY!
THEN...YOU TOO ARE.. A TIME TRAVELER!!
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YES, I COME FROM THE YEAR 3,000... THE GLORIOUS AGE OF ENLIGHTENMENT, THE CENTURY OF PEACE AND PROGRESS. THE ULTIMATE IN CIVILIZATION AND CULTURE. AND I HATED IT!
"FOR I WAS THEN, AS I AM NOW, A MAN OF ACTION, AN ADVENTURER! BUT THERE WERE NO ADVENTURES IN THE YEAR 3,000... NO ENEMIES TO BATTLE, NO DRAGONS TO SLAY! ALL WAS PEACEFUL... HORRIBLY, UNBEARABLY PEACEFUL!!"
WHY WAS I BORN INTO AN AGE WHEN THE ONLY EXCITEMENT A MAN CAN FIND IS IN WATCHING 3-D STEREOVISIONS FROM A THOUSAND YEARS AGO?!!
"IT WAS WHILE WATCHING SUCH ANCIENT FILMS, PRESENTED BY OUR HISTORICAL SOCIETY, THAT I LEARNED OF THE EXISTENCE OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR! HOW I ENVIED YOUR DRAMATIC CAREERS!"
"THEN, ONE DAY, WHILE VISITING THE RUINS OF AN AMAZING ANCESTOR OF MINE, I CAME UPON WHAT WAS LEFT OF HIS GREATEST INVENTION... A TIME MACHINE!"
PART OF THE MACHINE STILL REMAINS... AND HERE ARE THE PLANS FOR ITS OPERATION!
IT WOULD BE SIMPLE FOR ME TO RECREATE IT, AND USE IT FOR MY OWN PURPOSES!
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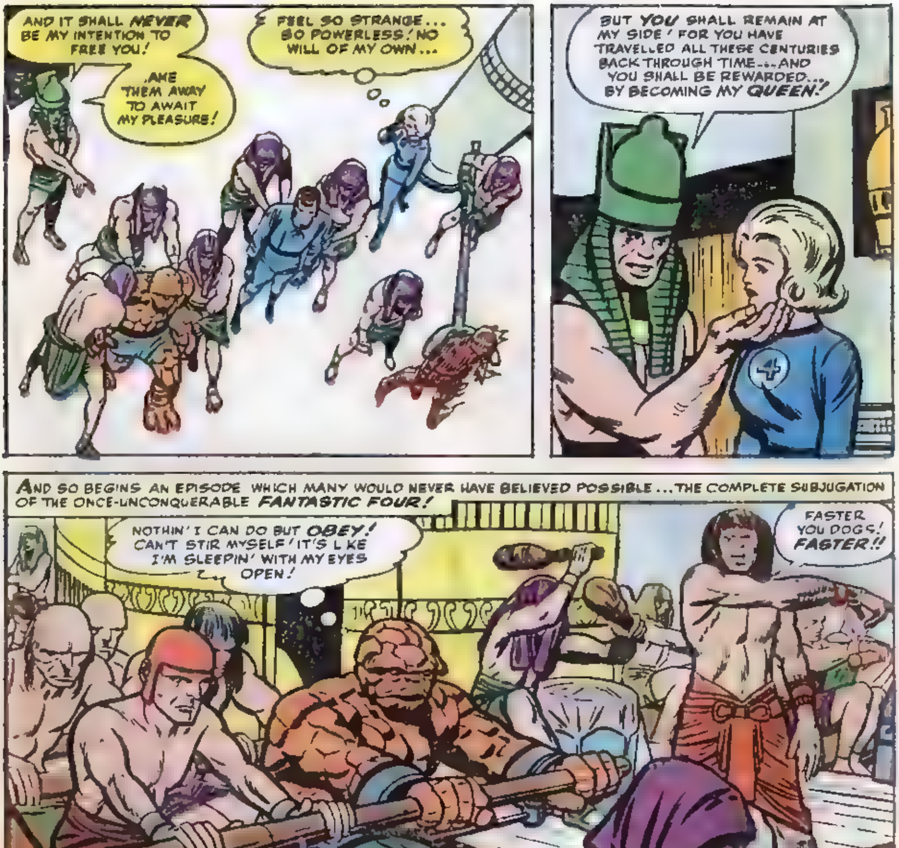

AND IT SHALL NEVER BE MY INTENTION TO FREE YOU!
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HOW EASILY I HAVE HUMBLED FOUR OF EARTH'S GREATEST HEROES! TRULY NONE CAN EVER DEFY ME!
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AND, AS THE CLOCK SLOWLY DRAWS NEAR TO THE FATEFUL MOMENT WHEN THE WAITING ALICIA WILL ATTEMPT TO BRING THE *FANTASTIC FOUR* BACK TO THE PRESENT, SUE STORM HAS THE FINISHING TOUCHES APPLIED TO HER BRIDAL COSTUME!
THE EFFECTS OF RAMA-TUT'S RAY GUN WILL *NEVER* WEAR OFF!
OUR ONLY HOPE IS TO HAVE IT FIRED AT US *AGAIN!* BUT HOW? *HOW??*
EVERY FIBRE OF MY BEING WANTS TO RUN, TO FLEE, TO ESCAPE FROM THIS TERRIBLE FATE --- BUT I CANNOT! MY BODY NO LONGER OBEYS MY BRAIN'S COMMANDS!
HOW STRANGE FOR ONE ABOUT TO BECOME A QUEEN TO LOOK SO SAD!
BUT AN INSCRUTABLE FATE WORKING IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS CAN CHANGE THE PLANS OF ANYONE, EVEN RAMA-TUT! FOR THERE, UNDER THE HEAT OF A SUN FAR HOTTER THAN THAT OF TWENTIETH-CENTURY NEW YORK, THE BODY CHEMISTRY OF THE IMPRISONED *THING* UNDERGOES A SUBTLE CHANGE UNTIL...
...AS THE RAYS GET HOTTER AND HOTTER, THE MOLECULES OF HIS BODY BEGIN TO REACT IN A STARTLING MANNER. AND ONCE MORE ONE OF THE MOST AWESOME PHYSICAL CHANGES EVER RECORDED STARTS TO TAKE PLACE...
...UNTIL IN THE PLACE OF THE MIGHTY *THING*, THE NOW-NORMAL FIGURE OF *BEN GRIMM* APPEARS! BEN GRIMM, SLIM ENOUGH TO SLIP THROUGH THE OVERSIZED SHACKLES! BEN GRIMM, WHOSE MIND AND WILL ARE NOT AFFECTED BY THE RAY AS WAS THE *THING!!*
I DON'T KNOW *HOW* IT HAPPENED, BUT I'M BEN GRIMM AGAIN... AND I'VE GOT ONE SLIM CHANCE TO SET THE OTHERS FREE! IF ONLY I CAN REACH SHORE!
A GALLEY SLAVE HAS BROKEN FREE! *SEIZE HIM!!*
BUT BEN GRIMM IS ARMED WITH TWENTIETH-CENTURY MAN'S KNOWLEDGE OF JUDO AND BOXING...
I MAY NOT HAVE THE STRENGTH OF THE *THING*, BUT I'LL *STILL* GIVE YOU JOKERS A RUN FOR YOUR MONEY!
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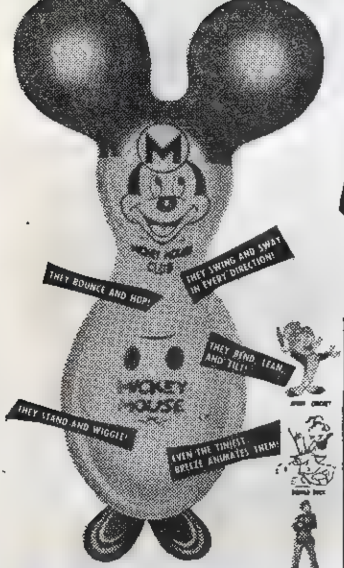

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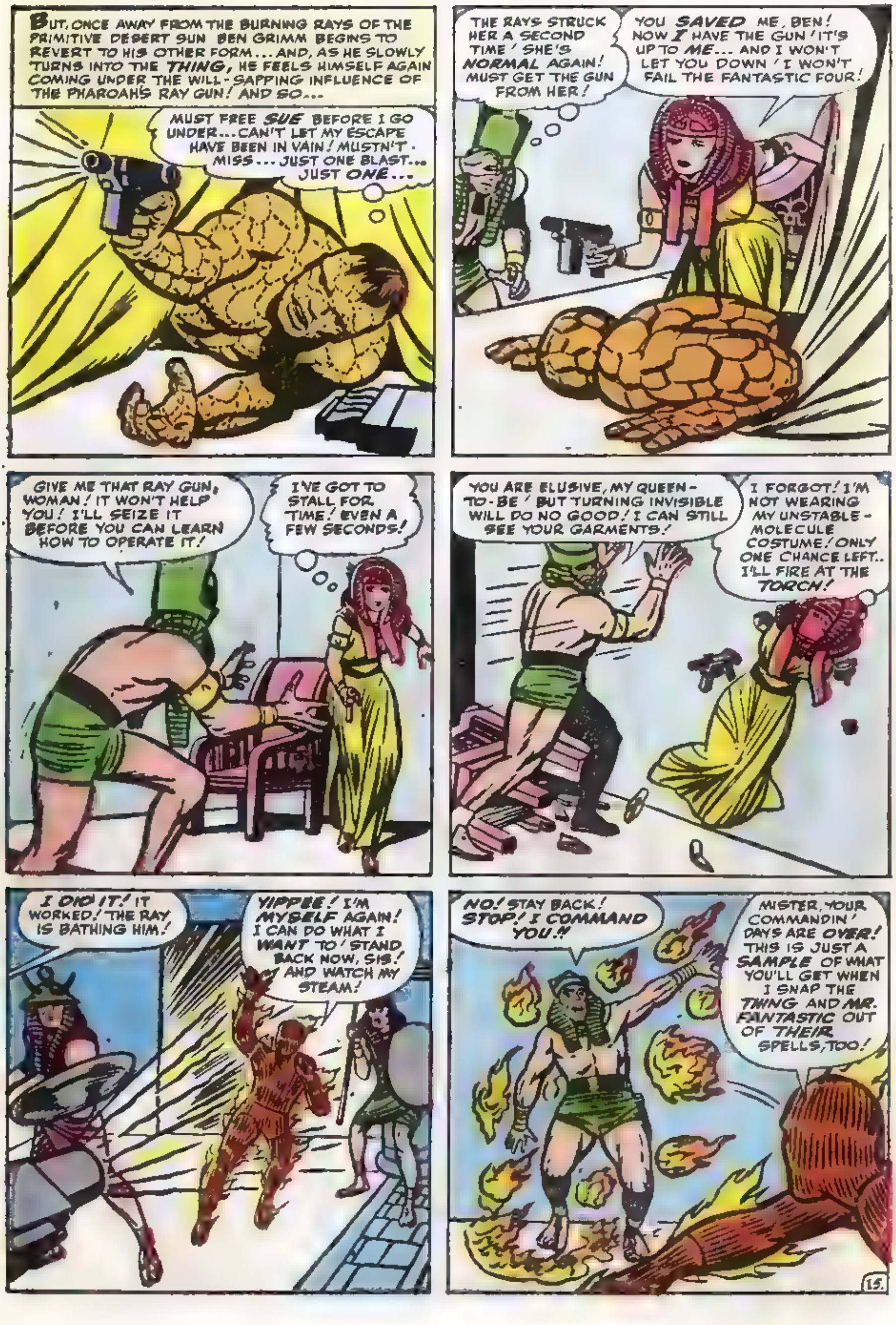

BUT, ONCE AWAY FROM THE BURNING RAYS OF THE PRIMITIVE DESERT SUN BEN GRIMM BEGINS TO REVERT TO HIS OTHER FORM... AND, AS HE SLOWLY TURNS INTO THE THING, HE FEELS HIMSELF AGAIN COMING UNDER THE WILL-SAPPING INFLUENCE OF THE PHAROAH'S RAY GUN! AND SO...
MUST FREE SUE BEFORE I GO UNDER... CAN'T LET MY ESCAPE HAVE BEEN IN VAIN! MUSTN'T MISS... JUST ONE BLAST... JUST ONE...
THE RAYS STRUCK HER A SECOND TIME! SHE'S NORMAL AGAIN! MUST GET THE GUN FROM HER!
YOU SAVED ME, BEN! NOW I HAVE THE GUN! IT'S UP TO ME... AND I WON'T LET YOU DOWN! I WON'T FAIL THE FANTASTIC FOUR!
GIVE ME THAT RAY GUN, WOMAN! IT WON'T HELP YOU! I'LL SEIZE IT BEFORE YOU CAN LEARN HOW TO OPERATE IT!
I'VE GOT TO STALL FOR TIME! EVEN A FEW SECONDS!
YOU ARE ELUSIVE, MY QUEEN-TO-BE! BUT TURNING INVISIBLE WILL DO NO GOOD! I CAN STILL SEE YOUR GARMENTS!
I FORGOT! I'M NOT WEARING MY UNSTABLE-MOLECULE COSTUME! ONLY ONE CHANCE LEFT.. I'LL FIRE AT THE TORCH!
I DID IT! IT WORKED! THE RAY IS BATHING HIM!
YIPPEE! I'M MYSELF AGAIN! I CAN DO WHAT I WANT TO! STAND BACK NOW, SIS! AND WATCH MY STEAM!
NO! STAY BACK! STOP! I COMMAND YOU!!
MISTER, YOUR COMMANDIN' DAYS ARE OVER! THIS IS JUST A SAMPLE OF WHAT YOU'LL GET WHEN I SNAP THE THING AND MR. FANTASTIC OUT OF THEIR SPELLS, TOO!
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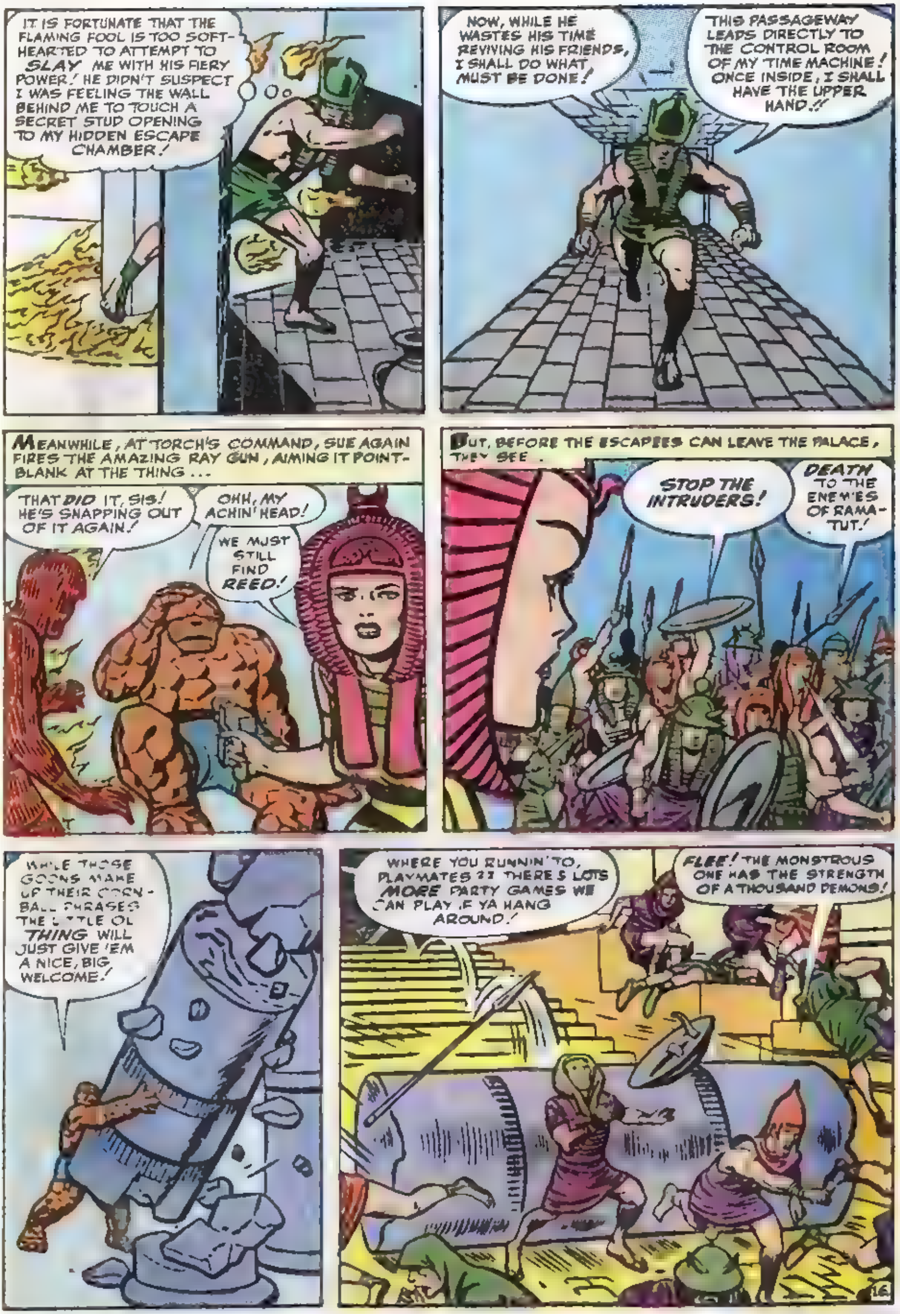
IT IS FORTUNATE THAT THE FLAMING FOOL IS TOO SOFT-HEARTED TO ATTEMPT TO SLAY ME WITH HIS FIERY POWER! HE DIDN'T SUSPECT I WAS FEELING THE WALL BEHIND ME TO TOUCH A SECRET STUD OPENING TO MY HIDDEN ESCAPE CHAMBER!
NOW, WHILE HE WASTES HIS TIME REVIVING HIS FRIENDS, I SHALL DO WHAT MUST BE DONE!
THIS PASSAGEWAY LEADS DIRECTLY TO THE CONTROL ROOM OF MY TIME MACHINE! ONCE INSIDE, I SHALL HAVE THE UPPER HAND!!
MEANWHILE, AT TORCH'S COMMAND, SUE AGAIN FIRES THE AMAZING RAY GUN, AIMING IT POINT-BLANK AT THE THING ...
THAT DID IT, SIS! HE'S SNAPPING OUT OF IT AGAIN!
OHH, MY ACHIN' HEAD!
WE MUST STILL FIND REED!
BUT, BEFORE THE ESCAPEES CAN LEAVE THE PALACE, THEY SEE ...
STOP THE INTRUDERS!
DEATH TO THE ENEMIES OF RAMA-TUT!
WHILE THOSE GOONS MAKE UP THEIR CORN-BALL PHRASES THE LITTLE OL THING WILL JUST GIVE 'EM A NICE, BIG WELCOME!
WHERE YOU RUNNIN' TO, PLAYMATES?? THERE'S LOTS MORE PARTY GAMES WE CAN PLAY IF YA HANG AROUND!
FLEE! THE MONSTROUS ONE HAS THE STRENGTH OF A THOUSAND DEMONS!
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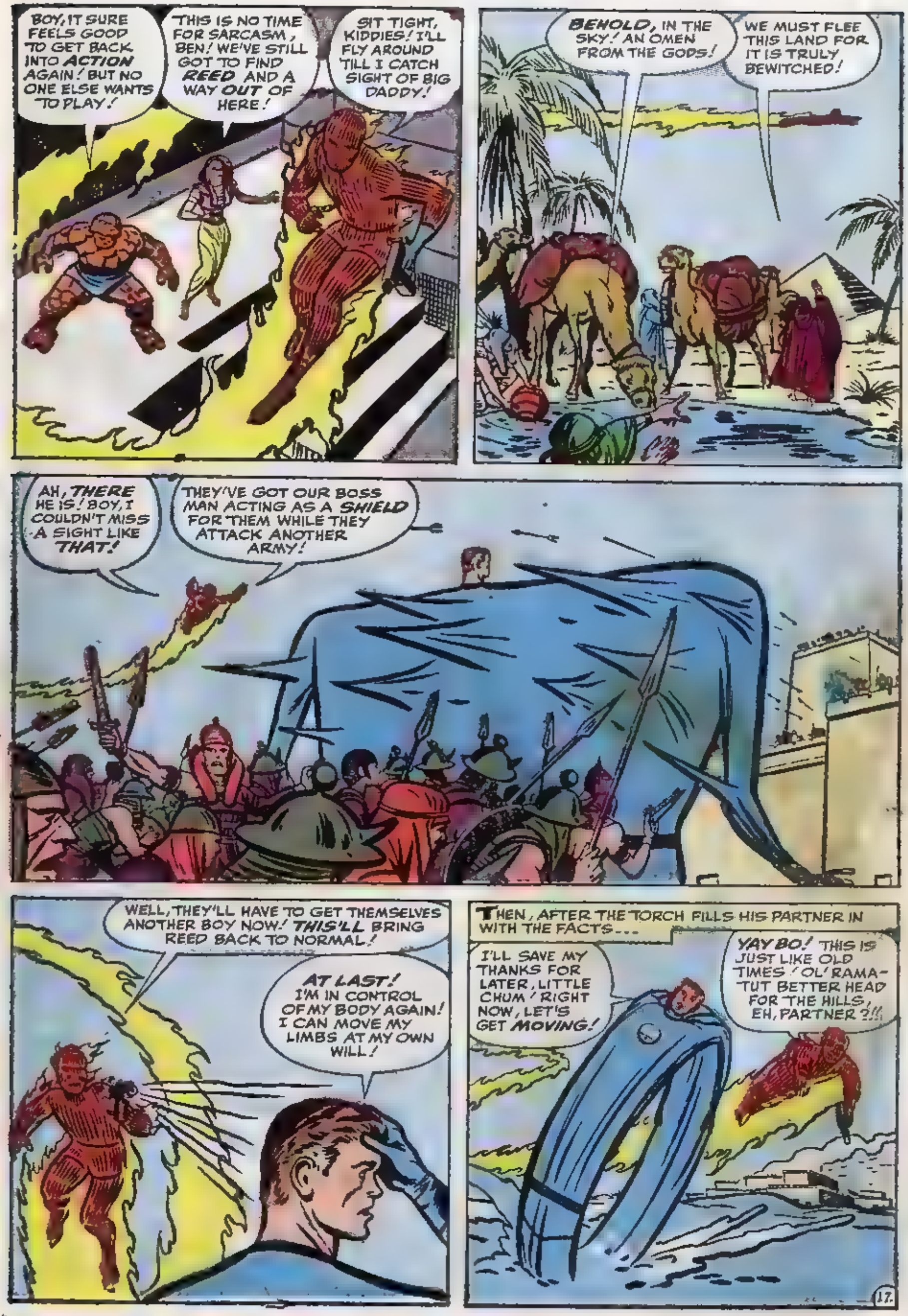

BOY, IT SURE FEELS GOOD TO GET BACK INTO ACTION AGAIN! BUT NO ONE ELSE WANTS TO PLAY!
THIS IS NO TIME FOR SARCASM, BEN! WE'VE STILL GOT TO FIND REED AND A WAY OUT OF HERE!
SIT TIGHT, KIDDIES! I'LL FLY AROUND 'TILL I CATCH SIGHT OF BIG DADDY!
BEHOLD, IN THE SKY! AN OMEN FROM THE GODS!
WE MUST FLEE THIS LAND FOR IT IS TRULY BEWITCHED!
AH, THERE HE IS! BOY, I COULDN'T MISS A SIGHT LIKE THAT!
THEY'VE GOT OUR BOSS MAN ACTING AS A SHIELD FOR THEM WHILE THEY ATTACK ANOTHER ARMY!
WELL, THEY'LL HAVE TO GET THEMSELVES ANOTHER BOY NOW! THIS'LL BRING REED BACK TO NORMAL!
AT LAST! I'M IN CONTROL OF MY BODY AGAIN! I CAN MOVE MY LIMBS AT MY OWN WILL!
THEN, AFTER THE TORCH FILLS HIS PARTNER IN WITH THE FACTS...
I'LL SAVE MY THANKS FOR LATER, LITTLE CHUM! RIGHT NOW, LET'S GET MOVING!
YAY BO! THIS IS JUST LIKE OLD TIMES! OL' RAMA-TUT BETTER HEAD FOR THE HILLS, EH, PARTNER ?!!
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REED! YOU'RE BACK AGAIN! OH THANK HEAVEN!
NOW THAT WE'RE OUR NORMAL SELVES AGAIN, WE'VE GOT TO FIND RAMA-TUT!
JUST WHAT I'M AIMIN' TO DO, STRING-BEAN! OKAY, BUSTER, SPILL IT! WHERE'D HE GO--OR DO I HAVETA BEAT IT OUT OF YA?
NO, DO NOT STRIKE ME! THE PHAROAH UNDOUBTEDLY RAN TO THE SPHINX FOR SAFETY
I SAW HIM GO THROUGH THIS TRAP-DOOR! IT MUST BE A PASSAGE TO THE SPHINX
FASTER! I'M TOO OLD TO BE PLAYIN' FOLLOW THE LEADER!
EASY, BEN! WE'RE ALMOST THERE!
THAT OPENING AHEAD WILL LEAD US TO HIM!
HOLD IT! HOW MANY TIMES MUST I WARN YOU ABOUT TESTING FOR BOOBY TRAPS!?
AW, QUIT GRANDSTANDIN', MISTER! WE KNOW YOU WERE IN THE ARMY!
REED MAY BE RIGHT! THERE'S ONE WAY TO MAKE SURE! STAND BACK, KIDDIES!
I'LL TOSS RAMA-TUT'S RAY GUN THROUGH THE OPENING AND... HOLY HANNAH! LOOK AT THAT!
IT'S BEEN ATOMIZED! IT WAS A BOOBY TRAP!
THIS IS EXTREMELY EMBARRASSIN'!!
WELL, THERE'S MORE THAN ONE WAY TO GET UPSTAIRS!
CAREFUL, JOHNNY! NO TELLING WHAT YOU'LL FIND UP THERE!
ALL CLEAR, GANG! C'MON UP AND JOIN THE PARTY!
IT LOOKS LIKE SOME SORT OF CONTROL ROOM! BUT THERE'S NO SIGN OF RAMA-TUT!
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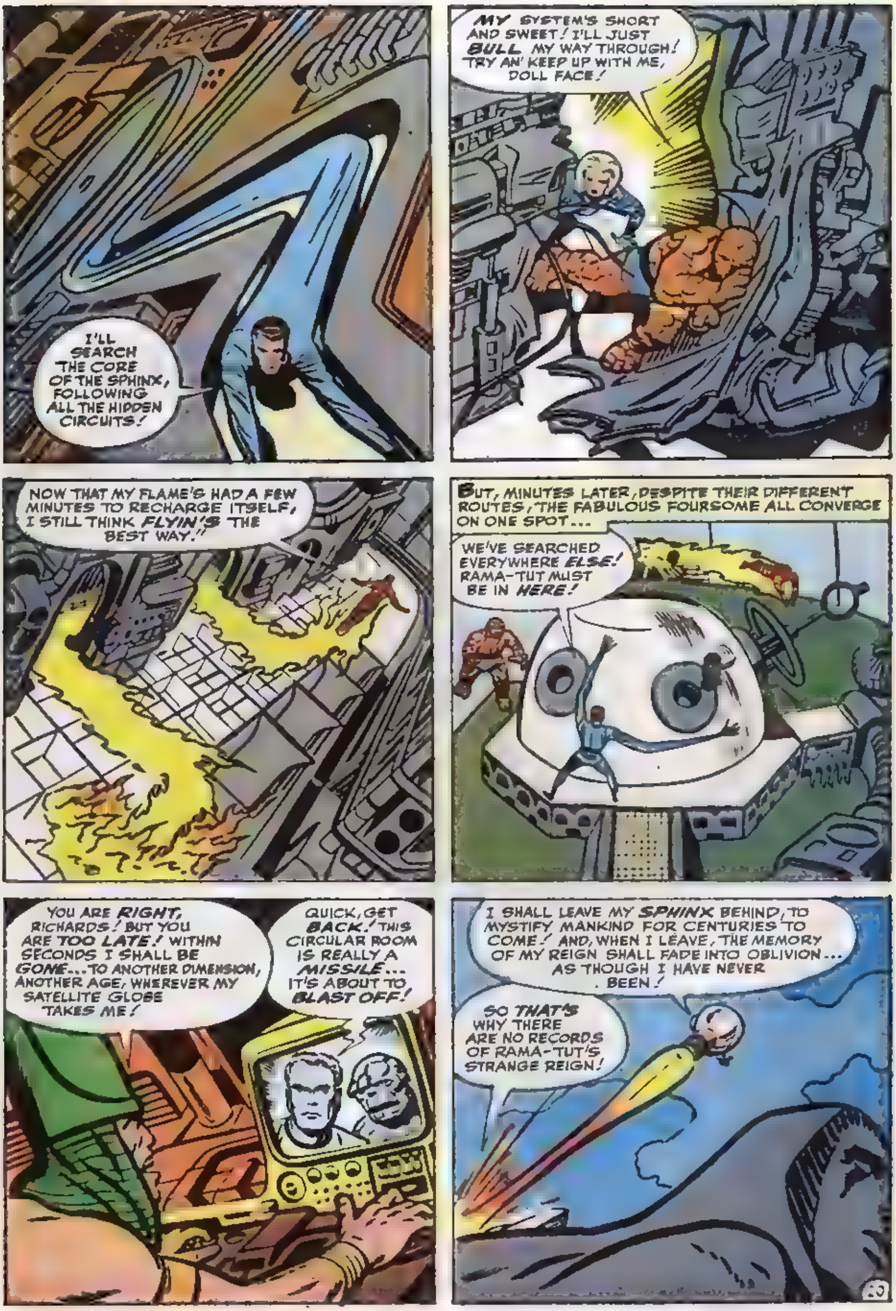
I'LL SEARCH THE CORE OF THE SPHINX, FOLLOWING ALL THE HIDDEN CIRCUITS!
MY SYSTEM'S SHORT AND SWEET! I'LL JUST BULL MY WAY THROUGH! TRY AN' KEEP UP WITH ME, DOLL FACE!
NOW THAT MY FLAME'S HAD A FEW MINUTES TO RECHARGE ITSELF, I STILL THINK FLYIN'S THE BEST WAY!
BUT, MINUTES LATER, DESPITE THEIR DIFFERENT ROUTES, THE FABULOUS FOURSOME ALL CONVERGE ON ONE SPOT...
WE'VE SEARCHED EVERYWHERE ELSE! RAMA-TUT MUST BE IN HERE!
YOU ARE RIGHT, RICHARDS! BUT YOU ARE TOO LATE! WITHIN SECONDS I SHALL BE GONE...TO ANOTHER DIMENSION, ANOTHER AGE, WHEREVER MY SATELLITE GLOBE TAKES ME!
QUICK, GET BACK! THIS CIRCULAR ROOM IS REALLY A MISSILE... IT'S ABOUT TO BLAST OFF!
I SHALL LEAVE MY SPHINX BEHIND, TO MYSTIFY MANKIND FOR CENTURIES TO COME! AND, WHEN I LEAVE, THE MEMORY OF MY REIGN SHALL FADE INTO OBLIVION... AS THOUGH I HAVE NEVER BEEN!
SO THAT'S WHY THERE ARE NO RECORDS OF RAMA-TUT'S STRANGE REIGN!
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THE SPHINX WAS JUST AN ORNAMENTAL SHELL! THAT GLOBULAR MISSILE WAS THE REAL TIME MACHINE!
AND THE ONE THING HE DIDN'T TELL US WAS THAT HE HAD MANAGED TO REPAIR THE MACHINE SO THAT HE COULD AGAIN TRAVEL IN TIME!
WELL, HE'S GONE NOW! WE'LL NEVER SEE HIM AGAIN!
I WOULDN'T COUNT ON THAT, JOHNNY! REMEMBER WHEN HE MENTIONED THAT AN ANCESTOR OF HIS HAD INVENTED THE FIRST TIME MACHINE ?? IT COULD HAVE BEEN ... DOCTOR DOOM!
EVERY-BODY!.. LOOK! LOOK WHAT I FOUND!
MAYBE HE WAS DOCTOR DOOM HIMSELF! MAYBE HE FOUND A WAY TO LIVE FOR CENTURIES ... IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN THE DOCTOR DOOM OF THE FUTURE!
THE VIAL WE CAME FOR!! FOR ALICIA'S EYES! HE LEFT IT BEHIND! WE HAVE IT!
THAT MEANS SHE'LL SEE AGAIN! ALL WE HAVETA DO IS GET IT BACK TO HER! DO YA HEAR ME?? ALICIA'S GOING TO SEE AGAIN!
OPTIC NERVE RESTORATIVE
SUSIE, BABY... I LOVE YA!
WELL, THEN, STOP CRUSHING MY RIBS, YOU BIG APE!
LISTEN... THAT RUMBLING! FROM DEEP WITHIN THE SPHINX! WE'VE GOT TO GET OUT OF HERE!
WHY, REED? WHAT IS IT? WHAT DOES IT MEAN?
NO TIME TO EXPLAIN! BEN, HANG ONTO ME! JOHNNY... GRAB SUE! GET OUT... FAST!!
SO HELP ME, IF THIS IS JUST ANOTHER GRANDSTAND PLAY...
YOU CALL THAT A GRANDSTAND PLAY, PARTNER?
AN EXPLOSION! FROM INSIDE THE SPHINX! WHAT HAPPENED REED?
HECK, EVEN I CAN FIGURE IT OUT! IT WAS THE PHAROAH'S LAST BOOBY-TRAP! HE BLEW UP ALL HIS EQUIPMENT... EVERY TRACE OF HIS VERY EXISTENCE!
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AWRIGHT, REED, I'M SORRY... AS USUAL... FOR SOUNDIN' OFF!
HEY, LOOK! IT'S THE RETRIEVER FROM THE TIME MACHINE! WE GOT HERE IN THE NICK OF TIME!
QUICK! GET UNDER THE GLISTENING SCREEN! ALICIA IS ACTIVATING IT BACK IN THE TWENTIETH CENTURY!
YAY! IT WORKED! WE'RE BACK AGAIN! WE MADE IT!!
ALICIA, BABY, WAIT'LL I TELL YOU! GUESS WHAT WE BROUGHT BACK WITH US!
OH, NO... NO! DON'T SAY IT, BEN! =SOB!= DON'T SAY IT! THE VIAL IS... GONE!!
I.. I WAS AFRAID OF THAT!!
WHAT DO YA MEAN AFRAID? AFRAID OF WHAT?
OH, POOR BEN... ALICIA...
WE SHOULD HAVE GUESSED... IT'S THE TIME MACHINE...
THIS EARLIEST DEVICE HAD ONE CRITICAL FAULT... IT WILL TRANSPORT NOTHING WITH RADIO-ACTIVE PROPERTIES FROM THE PAST TO THE FUTURE, OR VICE VERSA!
THEN OUR WHOLE TRIP... EVERYTHING WAS JUST A WASTE!
NO! NOTHING IS EVER A WASTE! NOW THAT WE KNOW THERE IS A SUBSTANCE WHICH WILL AID IN RESTORING SIGHT I'LL NEVER STOP TRYING TO DUPLICATE IT IN MY OWN LAB!
OH, BEN, MY DARLING! YOUR LOVE AND THE SAFETY OF ALL OF YOU, MEAN SO MUCH MORE TO ME THAN MERELY HAVING MY SIGHT BACK!
WE HAD IT IN OUR HANDS... AND WE LOST IT! FOR ONCE ALL MY POWER ALL MY STRENGTH, DID NO GOOD! NO GOOD!
AW, BEN, WE'RE TOGETHER AGAIN, AND WE'RE ALL SAFE...
AND THERE'S ALWAYS TOMORROW!
ALICIA, DEAR... COMFORT BEN! AT THIS TIME I SUSPECT HE NEEDS IT MORE THAN YOU!
BUT YOU TRIED, ALL OF YOU! YOU ALL RISKED YOUR LIVES WITH ME TO HELP ALICIA! I.. I'LL NEVER FORGET IT! NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS, I'LL NEVER FORGET!
NO, EVERY INCIDENT IN LIFE DOESN'T HAVE A HAPPY ENDING, AND THIS IS NO EXCEPTION! BUT THE FF HAVEN'T MUCH TIME TO BROOD, FOR NEXT MONTH THEY MEET THE THREAT OF THE MOLECULE MAN.. A FOE SO MIGHTY HE CAN DESTROY A GALAXY!
THE END

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Dear Stan and Jack,

I told my mother that you two read every letter you get whether it's printed or not. She said, and I quote, "I'll bet secretaries read and answer them!"

Sidney D. Evans
33 Monsignor Reynolds Way
Boston 18, Mass.

We wish we HAD "secretaries," Sid! We've got one overworked little gal who opens the letters for us, and then we read each and every one—honest!

Dear Stan and Jack,

I only have one complaint; that's about SGT. FURY AND HIS HOWLING COMMANDOS–YEECH!! What a name!!

Robert Purinton
91 Ravine Road
Medford, Mass.

No! No! No! His name is NICK—not YEECH!

Dear Stan and Jack,

Finally made up my mind to write and tell you both that it's been a pleasure to read your magazines. I remember reading SUBMARINER way back in the '40's when I was in high school. I don't read many comics, but I wouldn't miss an issue put out by MARVEL COMICS GROUP. I would love to see a lot of the "old characters" revived again. Your new character SPIDER-MAN is very interesting, to say the least, as is Dr. Strange in STRANGE TALES. Keep up the good work.

Mrs. Beryl Wright
15 Abbott St.
Worcester 2, Mass.

Thanks, Mrs. Wright. We hope you enjoy our stories as much as we enjoy our readers' letters.

Dear Stan and Jack,

Oops! You goofed again. In issue #16 on page 9 panel 7 the Thing said to Alicia "It's all right, Sue baby!" when he should have said, "It's all right, Alicia baby!" Besides that your magazine was cool as a thousand pounds of fireballs. Without the Thing the F.F. would not be half as good. So until Sue and I get married, so long!

Curtis M. Wells
913 Watt St.
Jeffersonville, Ind.

Would you believe we received HUNDREDS of letters telling us of that careless mistake? Our only alibi is—we have so many characters to keep track of, we sometimes forget our OWN names! Isn't that right, Mac? I mean JACK!

Dear Stan and Jack,

Please publish more issues like #11! The story "A Visit with the Fantastic Four" was great, and the article about the F.F.'s origin made it even better. The two-page fan mail is terrific! Please don't add any new members; it's just fine now!

Martin Jackson
4103 Westwood Drive
Anchorage, Alaska

Glad you approve, Marty—but where have you BEEN since issue #11??

Dear Stan and Jack,

I started reading your comics only a few months ago and already think they're just wonderful. But I found one mistake in your comic JOURNEY INTO MYSTERY #93. Thor's hammer's greatest power is that when he throws it, it always returns; but in this issue on page 11, you show Thor throwing his hammer away and it did not come back. Can you explain this?

John Stone
919B Suburban Pkwy.
Portsmouth, Va.

It will not return if Thor ORDERS it not to return, as he did in that instance! (It's easy to explain these things, Johnny, when we make up our own rules!)

Dear Stan and Jack,

A few months ago we were at the neighborhood newsstand looking over the different mags when suddenly I saw F.F. The artwork was so unique and the characters almost looked alive that I decided to buy it. My sister came over and said sarcastically, "Who ever heard of a stupid mag named F.F.?" She said if I wanted it I would have to buy it myself. I bought the magazine and — — it was marvelous, great and super—WOW! Later I persuaded my sister to read it by relating some of the action scenes. Well, she thinks it's the greatest mag on the newsstands. Now I don't have to buy F.F.—my sister beats me to it!

Eddie L. Malone, Jr.
P.O. Box 851
Seminole, Texas

So what'samatter? YOU can't buy one TOO??!

Dear Stan and Jack,

As a usual reader of your magnificent "Fantastic Four" I have great pleasure in telling you that all your friends in Miles enjoy such an exciting magazine. No doubt all your friends in the whole of Australia enjoy the "Fantastic Four." Keep up the good work.

Ross O'Connor
20 McNulty Street
Miles, Queensland
Australia

Ross, we're including your letter just to show off! Fans in Australia!! How ABOUT that?!!

Dear Stan and Jack,

In answer to your question of "Would you rather remain as the Thing or Ben Grimm?," I'll choose Ben Grimm. That would solve things all around, especially for me. I have a four year old daughter and every issue we go through the same old bit over the Thing.—"Mommy—what's THAT!" "That's a man, honey." "What happened to HIM?" "He was hit by these cosmic rays and . . ." "What's mic rays," "COSmic." "Osmic?" "No, COsmic." "What's osmic rays, mommy?" "That's COSmic, and I can't explain what they are." "Oh, why?"—That's just a part of our conversation, so now can you see why I want Ben back? The only way I could enjoy your wonderful mag more would be to be able to read it in peace and quiet. Oh, come on, Stan!—with your imagination you can write a good story to change the Thing back to Ben without busting up the F.F. Please???

Mrs. Jo Shelby
Box 264
Reedsburg, Wisconsin

We asked Ben for his opinion and he growled: "Hire a baby sitter!" Wotta you do with a guy like that?

CONTINUED . . .

Dear Stan and Jack,

A few days ago while checking the new comics, I saw the first issue of SGT. FURY AND HIS HOWLING COMMANDOS and passed it right by, reason being that I just don't dig war comics. But today, when I had bought most of your good comics, I took a closer look at St. Fury for a laugh. I noticed it was of the excellent MARVEL GROUP and after a quick glance at the art, I deduced that it could only be done by Jack Kirby. And since you guys haven't had a really big flop yet, I decided to find out what this one was like. When I had finished reading it, I found I was in a complete state of *shock!* This new comic had given me the greatest experience of my life! Never have I read anything as exciting! Everything about it was terrific. Even the Department on Weapons of War was surprisingly good. The entire comic was totally realistic and exciting. This is one comic that will always stay on the top of my list. Congratulations on a job well done!

Steve Griffin
1972 Morris Gate
Seaford, New York

JACK: "SGT. FURY"? Is that one of OURS?
STAN: You lunkhead, you just drew it a WEEK ago!
JACK: Gosh, who can remember that far back?!

Dear Stan and Jack,

While the F.F. is undoubtedly one of the best comic magazines on the market, it has its failings. The worst part of that is that when you do a lemon it's a doozy! I'm speaking of issues #13 and #15. Both of these were really poor, especially when contrasted to your masterpieces (like #s 4, 6, and 9). Let me take #13. In the last panel of p. 12, we are informed that in the next issue the FF will meet "one of the most powerful super-villains of all." This turns out to be "The Red Ghost." Never in my wildest flights of fancy did I dream "red" would refer to the communists!! Nor did I imagine that the tale would take place on the moon. Both of these were disappointing. Also, the cover was horrible, cluttered up with all sorts of vital announcements. (Ha!) One more thing: I've never seen a worse artist combination than Kirby and Ditko. Both are great alone, but please, let's not team them up again. Between two lemons there was a peach—#14. Though the letter pages were pretty awful, the story was great. But may I say that your courage is to be admired. You're not afraid to try new ideas, and if a new idea DOES fail, you simply change it in a later ish. You can't lose. By the way, now that the Ant-Man (formerly your worst effort) has gained the Wasp for a partner, he's great. I also think highly of the Torch and Iron Man. But, undoubtedly, aside from the FF your best hero is Thor. You broke the mold and came up with a truly unique hero. In the future I hope to see: Thor guest-star with the FF, Sub-Mariner turn hero, more F.F. adventures on earth, less of Dr. Doom. Finally, thanks again for a great magazine.

Steve Gerber
7014 Roberts Court
University City 30, Mo.

Steve would be a great letter writer if he wasn't so shy about giving opinions!

Dear Stan and Jack,

I would like to know why you don't keep back issues. You have told us you don't, but never why. I am sure it is not sheer meanness. (is it?). Is it because of the expense? I would think not, for you could charge 25¢ or more for magazines you make money on for 12¢. Well, enough guessing, just tell me, please!

Herbert L. Patterson
242 Park Ave.
Long Beach, Calif.

The answer is so simple you'd never guess . . . We haven't the ROOM to keep 'em! Any idea how much SPACE all those issues take up??

Dear Stan and Jack,

I think the most controversial dispute in your mag today is the human interest matter. Should a comic hero act like a comic hero, or should he (or she) act like a real person? The only reason that there has developed a "regulation hero" which supposedly sets the pattern is that no one has had the "guts" to try something new and perhaps a bit more practical. Thanks to the MARVEL COMICS GROUP, "You've seen one, you've seen them all" no longer applies to all comics.

Fred Romanek
4928 Enfield Ave.
Encino, California

Thanks for the philosophical approach, Freddie.

Dear Stan and Jack,

My husband and I first began reading the MARVEL mags recently. Can't decide which is our favorite—they're all excellent. But we don't see letters from any of the hundreds of Canadians who are your devoted fans. How come?

Linda and Percy Smoke
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- **Oh, we've been meaning to tell you—when writing to us, please don't say "I enjoyed the issue I just read." Please tell us the issue NUMBER so we'll know what you're referring to. Fair enough?**
- **A number of you have asked for more of DR. STRANGE, in STRANGE TALES. So, we'll have another of his off-beat tales in STRANGE TALES #114—on sale Aug. 8th. We almost hope you DON'T like him, because BOY—are those stories hard to write!!!**
- **Before we go, here's a tip for next ish—we've come up with a somewhat different super-villain for you, and for the FF! He's the MOLECULE MAN! And he's not just menacing our little ol' planet . . . oh no! He's liable to destroy the whole blamed UNIVERSE! Don't miss him!**

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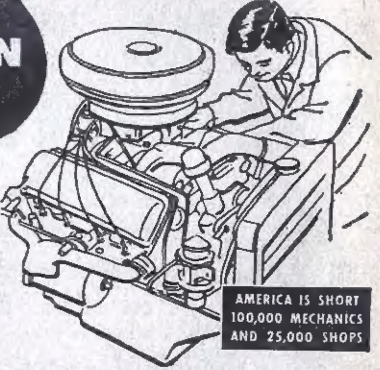

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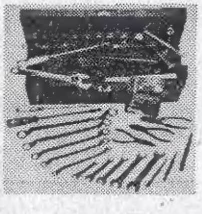

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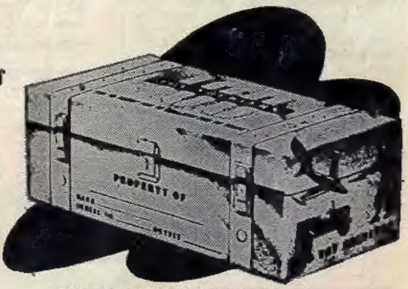

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